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SUBJECT: DANISH PRIMIN JORGENSEN'S HELSINKI BILATERALS WITH GDR
PARTY SECRETARY HONECKER AND CZECH PRIMIN STROUGAL

THERE FOLLOWS BELOW THE TEXT OF SPEAKING NOTES USED BY DANISH
REP AT AUGUST 19 POLADS BRIEFING ON BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS
DANISH PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN HAD DURING THE HELSINKI SUMMIT.
BEGIN TEXT

WITH REFERENCE TO THE LETTER OF AUGUST 18
FROM THE ACTING US PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE,
MR STREATOR, TO THE ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL
-COPIES OF WHICH HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED TO
THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES-I WOULD LIKE,
WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MR. CHAIRMAN, BRIEFLY TO
INFORM THE COMMITTEE OF A FEW POINTS OF THE
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BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS MY PRIME MINISTER AND
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAD DURING THE
HELSINKI SUMMIT.

ON JULY 30TH MY PRIME MINISTER MET PRESIDENT TITO AND ON AUGUST 1ST HE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH THE EAST GERMAN PARTY SECRETARY, MR. HONECKER, AND THE CZECHO-SLOVAK PRIME MINISTER, MR. STROUGAL.

IN THE CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT TITO THE TWO MAIN POINTS WERE: THE MIDDLE EAST AND YUGOSLAVIA' ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE EC.

DURING THE DISCUSSION OF THE FIRST POINT MY PRIME MINISTER STRESSED THE DANISH CONCERN AT THE MOVES BY SEVERAL NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES REGARDING THE STATUS OF ISRAEL IN THE UN AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT YUGOSLAVIA WOULD SUPPORT ENDEAVOURS TO REPEL SUCH MOVES. IN RESPONSE TO THIS, PRESIDENT TITO CRITICIZED ISRAEL FOR NOT HAVING SHOWN SUFFICIENT WILL TO PEACE, BUT HE EXPRESSED HIMSELF IN CLEAR SUPPORT OF THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY AND SAID THAT YUGOSLAVIA DID NOT WANT TO EXCLUDE ISRAEL FROM THE UN OR REDUCE ITS POSITION IN THE ORGANIZATION.

ON THE DANISH SIDE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERISYT IN THE UN CONTEXT WAS STRESSED ALSO DURING THE CONVERSATIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER STROUGAL AND MR HONECKER. THE LATTER AGREED TO THE IMPORTANCE OF RESPECTING THIS PRINCIPLE, AND MR. STROUGAL SAID THAT THE CZECHO-SLOVAK POSITION TO THIS QUESTION WOULD BE RATIONAL, AND EVEN THOUGH HE CRITICIZED ISTAEL HE STATED THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA WOULD BE AGAINST EXTREME STEPS.

DURING THE CONVERSATION WITH MR HONECKER THE EAST GERMAN SIDE STRESSED THAT THE CSCE HAS OPENED UP A NEW PHASE WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A BASIS FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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FURHTER DEVELOPMENTS OF THE GOOD NEIGHBOUR RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DDR AND DENMARK. MR HONECKER MENTIONED THAT DURING THE PRECEEDING 10 YEARS THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE IN THE DDR HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLY EASED AND HAD BEEN FOLLOWED BY INCREASING PERSONAL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE POPULATIONS OF THE BALTIC COUNTRIES. THUS VIS WERE NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR VISITS BETWEEN THE DDR AND POLAND, AND DDT WAS YEARLY VISITED BY MILLIONS FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. IN MR HONECKERS VIEW THIS DEVELOPMENT HAD IN FACT REALIZED THE IDEA OF THE BALTIC SEA AS "A SEA OF PEACE". RESPONDING TO THIS, MY PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED THE WISH THAT THE STRONG GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF EAST GERMAN CITIZENS TRAVELLING ABROAD

WOULD LEAD ALSO TO AN INCREASING NUMBER OF EAST GERMAN VISITORS IN WESTERN COUNTRIES. REFERRING TO THE REMARK ABOUT THE BALTIC SEA AS A SEA OF PEACE, HE POINTED TO A STEADILY INCREASING EAST GERMAN MARITIME ACTIVITY IN THE BALTIC, WHICH DID NOT SEEM TO FIT IN WITH THE IDEA OF "A SEA OF PEACE". TO THIS MR HONECKER REPLIED THAT HE HAD ONCE DURING A BOAT TRIP IN THE BALTIC OBSERVED A DANISH STARFIGHTER (*), BUT HE WOULD ALL THE SAME CONSIDER THE REMARKS. MAYBE EXPERTS SHOULD MEET TO DISCUSS THE MATTER. MY PRIME MINISTER ACCEPTED INVITATIONS TO VISIT CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE DDR. NO DATES WERE FIXED.

DURING CONVERSATIONS WHICH MY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAD WITH THE ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, MR MACOVESCU, ON JULY 30TH AND WITH THE POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER, MR OLSZOWSKI, ON AUGUST 1ST, BOTH THESE GENTLEMEN SHARED OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE STATUS OF ISRAEL IN THE UN. CONFIDENTIALLY MR. OLSZOWSKI SAID THAT POLAND WAS CONSIDERING HOW TO REOPEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.
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